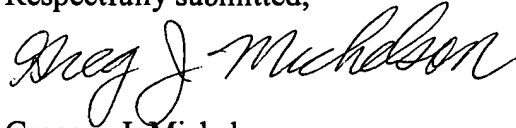


REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants are canceling the claim to priority to U.S. Application No. 10/085,226, filed February 27, 2002. Consequently, the present patent application, U.S. Application No. 10/761,769, will be a regular utility patent application rather than a continuation-in-part application. An examination on the merits of the patent application is respectfully requested and a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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